

### REMARKS

Claims 1, 11, 21-27 and 29-39 are pending in this application. Applicant has cancelled Claim 28 and Applicant has also added new Claim 39. Applicant has also amended independent Claims 1 and 11. Applicant has amended independent Claims 1 and 11 in order to more clearly distinguish the present invention, as defined by independent Claims 1 and 11, over the prior art. Applicant submits that Claim 39 does not contain new matter. Applicant further submits that the amendments to independent Claims 1 and 11 do not contain new matter.

Applicant has also deleted the Abstract Of The Disclosure and has substituted therefor the new Abstract Of The Disclosure which is attached hereto on a separate sheet. Applicant respectfully submits that the new Abstract Of The Disclosure does not contain new matter.

Based on the foregoing amendments and the following Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

I. THE 35 U.S.C. §103 REJECTIONS:

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 11, 21-26, 28 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kirkevold, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,263,322 (Kirkevold) in view of Schoenbeck, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,029,508 (Schoenbeck). The Examiner also rejected Claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kirkevold in view of Schoenbeck, and further in view of Neely, et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,602,127 (Neely). The Examiner also rejected Claim 29 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kirkevold in view of Schoenbeck, and further in view of Rother, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,141,608 (Rother). The Examiner also rejected Claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kirkevold in view of Schoenbeck, and further in view of Diaz, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,356,822 (Diaz).

As noted above, Applicant has cancelled Claim 28 and Applicant has also added new Claim 39. Applicant has also amended independent Claims 1 and 11. As noted above, Applicant has amended independent Claims 1 and 11 in order to more clearly distinguish the present invention, as defined by independent Claims 1 and 11, over the prior art. Applicant submits that Claim 39 does not contain new matter. Applicant further submits

that the amendments to independent Claims 1 and 11 do not contain new matter.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by Claims 1, 11, 21-27 and 29-39, is patentable over the prior art.

**IA. THE PRESENT INVENTION, AS DEFINED BY CLAIMS 1, 21-30 AND 39, IS PATENTABLE OVER THE PRIOR ART:**

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by Claims 1, 21-30 and 39, is patentable over the prior art. Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 1, is patentable over the prior art.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 1, is patentable over Kirkevold in view of Schoenbeck. Applicant respectfully submits that the asserted combination of Kirkevold and Schoenbeck does not disclose or suggest the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 1. Applicant submits that the asserted combination of Kirkevold and Schoenbeck does not disclose or suggest an apparatus for providing vehicle information or vehicle maintenance information, comprising a memory device for storing

at least one of vehicle diagnostic information, vehicle repair information, vehicle maintenance information, and vehicle servicing information, and a receiver for receiving a request for information regarding at least one of a vehicle problem, a vehicle malfunction, and a vehicle state of disrepair, regarding a vehicle, wherein the request for information is transmitted to the receiver from a communication device, wherein the communication device is located at a location remote from the vehicle and remote from the apparatus, and further wherein the request for information is transmitted to the receiver on or over at least one of the Internet and the World Wide Web, all of which features are specifically recited features of independent Claim 1.

Applicant further submits that the asserted combination of Kirkevold and Schoenbeck does not disclose or suggest a processing device, wherein the processing device is located at a location remote from the vehicle and remote from the communication device, wherein the processing device processes the request for information regarding at least one of a vehicle problem, a vehicle malfunction, and a vehicle state of disrepair, utilizing the at least one of vehicle diagnostic information, vehicle repair information, vehicle maintenance information, and vehicle servicing information, wherein the processing device

generates at least one of a diagnostic report, a repair report, a maintenance report, and a servicing report, in response to the request for information, and a transmitter for transmitting the at least one of a diagnostic report, a repair report, a maintenance report, and a servicing report, to the communication device, wherein the at least one of a diagnostic report, a repair report, a maintenance report, and a servicing report, is transmitted to the communication device on or over at least one of the Internet and the World Wide Web, all of which features are still other specifically recited features of independent Claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the asserted combination of Kirkevold and Schoenbeck does not disclose or suggest many of the specifically recited features of independent Claim 1, which features are important and recited features of said independent Claim. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 1, is patentable over Kirkevold in view of Schoenbeck.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 1, is patentable over the prior art. Applicant further respectfully submits that Claims 21-30 and 39, which claims depend either

directly or indirectly from independent Claim 1, so as to include all of the limitations of independent Claim 1 and which serve to further narrow the scope of independent Claim 1, are also patentable as said Claims 21-30 and 39 depend from allowable subject matter.

Allowance of pending Claims 1, 21-30 and 39 is, therefore, respectfully requested.

**IB. THE PRESENT INVENTION, AS DEFINED BY CLAIMS 11 AND 31-38, IS PATENTABLE OVER THE PRIOR ART:**

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by Claims 11 and 31-38, is patentable over the prior art. Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 11, is patentable over the prior art.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 11, is patentable over Kirkevold in view of Schoenbeck. Applicant respectfully submits that the asserted combination of Kirkevold and Schoenbeck does not disclose or suggest a method for providing vehicle information or vehicle maintenance information, comprising storing at least one of vehicle diagnostic information, vehicle

repair information, vehicle maintenance information, and vehicle servicing information, in a memory device, and receiving a request for information regarding at least one of a vehicle problem, a vehicle malfunction, and a vehicle state of disrepair, regarding a vehicle, wherein the information is received by a receiver, and further wherein the request for information is transmitted to the receiver from a communication device, wherein the communication device is located at a location remote from the vehicle and remote from the receiver, and further wherein the request for information is transmitted to the receiver on or over at least one of the Internet and the World Wide Web, all of which features are specifically recited features of independent Claim 11.

Applicant further submits that the asserted combination of Kirkevold and Schoenbeck does not disclose or suggest processing the request for information regarding the at least one of a vehicle problem, a vehicle malfunction, and a vehicle state of disrepair, with a processing device utilizing the at least one of vehicle diagnostic information, vehicle repair information, vehicle maintenance information, and vehicle servicing information, wherein the processing device is located at a location remote from the vehicle and remote from the communication device, generating at least one of a diagnostic

report, a repair report, a maintenance report, and a servicing report, with the processing device in response to the request for information, and transmitting the at least one of a diagnostic report, a repair report, a maintenance report, and a servicing report, to the communication device, wherein the at least one of a diagnostic report, a repair report, a maintenance report, and a servicing report, is transmitted to the communication device on or over at least one of the Internet and the World Wide Web, all of which features are still other specifically recited features of independent Claim 11.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the asserted combination of Kirkevold and Schoenbeck does not disclose or suggest many of the specifically recited features of independent Claim 11, which features are important and recited features of said independent Claim. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 11, is patentable over Kirkevold in view of Schoenbeck.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 11, is patentable over the prior art. Applicant further respectfully submits that Claims 31-38, which claims depend either directly or



indirectly from independent Claim 11, so as to include all of the limitations of independent Claim 11 and which serve to further narrow the scope of independent Claim 11, are also patentable as said Claims 31-38 depend from allowable subject matter.

Allowance of pending Claims 11 and 31-38 is, therefore, respectfully requested.

## II. CONCLUSION:

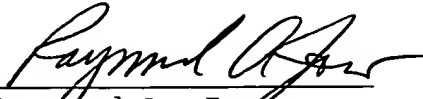
In view of the foregoing, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Allowance of pending Claims 1, 11, 21-27 and 29-39 is respectfully requested.

A Petition For Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a One-Month Extension of Time, along with a Credit Card Payment Form for payment of \$55.00 for the required fee for the Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, is submitted herewith. Applicant hereby requests a One-Month Extension of Time in which to respond to the Office Action dated February 12,

2003. A Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate) is also submitted herewith.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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- Abstract of the Disclosure  
- Return Receipt Postcard

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